

Bromeliad Society
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OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 2020



Cryptanthus 'Peachy Keen'

Tuesday, Oct 20, 2020

TIME: 7:00 P.M. to .

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

PROGRAM SPEAKER: Alex Bello
on *Neoregelias*

MEETING AGENDA:

- Login to Zoom and Social Time at 7:00 to 7:30
- Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers
- October Meeting Welcome and Announcement
- Program – *Neoregelias* by Alex Bello
- Show and Tell presented by John Schmidt

NOVEMBER PROGRAM: Rick Richtmyer and Paul Wingert on “Orthophytums” (Zoom)

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 19, 2020
(Zoom information will be provided to Board Members prior to meeting)

The Zoom Meeting on October 20
7:00 to...

If you are not familiar with Zoom, please use this link to see how to access a Zoom meeting:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

Topic: Bromeliad Society / Houston Annual Business Meeting and October Meeting

Time: Oct. 20, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89157885854?pwd=OFpmQnJ2cFIWZWMzSTZlPWY1pVQT09>

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Show and Tell

If you have plants you'd like to show, please send .jpg photos to mary@edmonsonphoto.com

PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Hello everyone. I hope you all are well and enjoying this cooler weather. We have been down in the 50's at night all week and it is really nice. Only problem is it keeps reminding me how much work I need to do cleaning and downsizing plants to make room in the greenhouse for all my large outside bromeliads. I still have a long way to go. I just hope we don't have an early October freeze like we have had the past two years.

This month on October 20th prior to our regular meeting, we will be having our Annual Business Meeting where we will be electing our Officers and Directors for 2021. Information on the nominees can be found in the Bulletin. Please try to attend the meeting on Zoom so we will have a quorum and thus be able to hold the election.

After the Annual Business Meeting, our VP Linda Whipkey has arranged for Alex Bello from Bello Tropicals to present a program on Skotak hybrid *Neoregelias*. I am really looking forward to seeing it and I hope you will all try to join us. Hopefully, our internet will stay up through the entire meeting this time. I was disappointed that it went down last month in the middle of the meeting and we missed the last part of the program and the Show and Tell.

As with the past months, the link for joining the October 20th meeting is in the Bulletin. You will also receive an invitation from Mary Cinotto prior to the meeting that contains the link. Please try to be connected to Zoom between 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM for social time and to make sure we can start the meeting on time at 7:30 PM.

Like last month, John Schmidt with the help of Mary Cinotto will be presenting a Show and Tell discussion after the program. Please send pictures of any plants you would like to show / discuss / have identified to Mary Cinotto by October 10th. Thank you

both for doing this for us.

And of course, I have to put in a plug for the Bromeliad Society International (BSI) <https://www.bsi.org/new/> and the 2021 World Bromeliad Conference (WBC) in Sarasota, Florida now scheduled for June 8-12, 2021. It will be held at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota with a trip to Selby Gardens and optional tours for purchase to Tropiflora and Michael's Bromeliads. There will be speakers, plant sales, plant show, rare plant auction, and a banquet. If you registered for the 2020 WBC, your registration will be transferred to the 2021 WBC. Should you prefer a refund, you may receive a full refund through the end of 2020 by contacting the BSI Membership Secretary at membership@bsi.org. If you would like to register for the 2021 WBC, registration is \$315 per person through the end of 2020. You must be a BSI member to register. If you are a current BSI member, please register at <https://www.bsi.org/members/>. If you are not a member, you may join the BSI and register for the conference at <https://www.bsi.org/new/join-the-bsi-or-renew/>. You can also make hotel reservations for the 2021 WBC through the BSI website by logging on at <https://www.bsi.org/members/>.

If you have not done so already, please renew your BS/H and Cryptanthus Society memberships. Allyn Pearlman (deliboys@comcast.net) would be happy to help you with this. Also, please go to <https://www.bsi.org/members/> to renew your membership for the BSI online or <https://www.bsi.org/new/join-the-bsi-or-renew/> to join the BSI on line or to print a form to renew/join by mail. Don't forget there is a new electronic Journal membership option for only \$25 for individual memberships, \$35 for dual memberships. There is also a new low rate of \$15 for the first year for an electronic Journal membership for first time members, \$25 for first time dual memberships. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Take care,
Cherie

Alex Bello is October's Speaker on *Neoregelias*

An avid collector and grower for the past 20 years, I have been a plant addict all my life and my true passion has been Bromeliads, orchids, aroids and it goes on and on. I have been involved in the plant world in many capacities throughout the years and held many positions in various clubs. Currently I am the President of the International Aroid Society and the southern regions director for the Bromeliad Society International. In addition, I have served as President of the Bromeliad Society of South Florida. My addiction to plants got out of hand about 6 years ago and Bello Tropicals Nursery Inc. was born and I have been sharing the love of collecting plants throughout the USA through many shows and sales.

CANDIDATES BIOGRAPHIES

For BS/HI President: Shirl Stowe

Shirl Stowe has been a member of the Bromeliad Society Houston since 2016 when she gained an interest in Bromeliads after meeting and subsequently marrying member Gordon Stowe. Over the past four years she has become more familiar with the varieties of Bromeliads and their characteristics. She shares in the care of those in their greenhouses and yard. She enjoys trying to identify unmarked plants and those she sees in other's gardens. Shirl is happy to work with our members to continue the excellent work accomplished in the Bromeliad Society/Houston, Inc.

For BS/HI Vice President: Scherie Townes

Scherie joined BS/HI in 2009 and is currently serving on the Board of Directors. She previously was elected to the Board in 2010. She is also a member of BSI. Scherie is a native Texan and is a retired science teacher. She brought home the animals from her science lab and now enjoys time spent with her dogs and wild critters. Since retirement Scherie enjoys extra time gardening and has been gardening for her entire life. Scherie has been growing bromeliads since living at home and helping her mother with her bromeliads and other plants.

For BS/HI Secretary: David Whipkey

David lives on the prairie west of Tomball with his wife Linda where they grow a variety of plants. David has been a member of the Bromeliad Society/Houston, Inc. for 30+ years and is currently serving as the Society's secretary. He is serving on the Board of Directors of the Southwest Bromeliad Guild. He is also a member of the Cryptanthus Society International and is currently serving as that organization's vice-president. He is a member of Bromeliad Society International and has earned designation as an Internationally Accredited Master Bromeliad Judge. David is a retired public-school teacher and has been spending as much time as possible sharing his knowledge of and enthusiasm for growing Bromeliads.

For BS/HI Treasurer: Allyn Pearlman

Allyn joined BS/HI in 1991. He was editor of the BS/HI Bulletin from 1992 to 2002 and has been membership Chair since 1993. He has served BS/HI as a Director and President and was Chairman of our annual show in 1995. Allyn is an active supporter of the Southwest Bromeliad Guild and is currently Treasurer of that organization. Allyn also serves as Treasurer of The Cryptanthus Society International and for many years has served as Treasurer of BS/HI. He is a member of Bromeliad Society International and is an Internationally Accredited Master Bromeliad Judge.

For BS/HI Director: John Schmidt

John grew up in rural Kansas, participating in 4-H and taking care of animals such as cattle, horses, dogs, poultry, pigeons and game birds. When he moved to the big city, plants became his substitute for the animals. African Violets, Orchids, Ferns, Cacti, Succulents and woodlanders are all part of his background. John moved to Houston with his wife Gale in 2007 and Bromeliad fever set in very quickly. Due to his limited space John grows mostly species Bromeliads. He has been a member of BS/HI since 2011 and has become such an excellent grower in a relatively short time that he has been asked to give several programs for BS/HI.

For BS/HI Director: Alicia Baker

Alicia has lived in Houston for 19 years. After living in St. Louis, Maryland and Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, she found the growing conditions and seasons in Houston new and vexing. Her first trees for her tiny back yard were a Ruby Red grapefruit, N11 naval orange and a tangerine from Walmart. Her first Bromeliads were pups given out at a bird club meeting about ten years ago. They were Neoregelia carolinae and Neoregelia carolinae "Caroline Tricolor" and she still has these Bromeliads. She also obtained interesting Bromeliads at Mercer plant sales. Her collection exploded after attending the BS/HI spring plant sale in 2019. Alicia joined BS/HI in May 2019 and has thoroughly enjoyed it since.

Bromeliad Society/Houston, Inc.
Minutes - Regular Meeting
September 15, 2020

Location: Zoom Meeting

Members were able to join the meeting at 7:00 am. Many did. They practiced using the Zoom features and worked on eliminating technical problems. There was also a fair amount of visiting.

Call to order: President Cherie Lee at 7:34 pm. During the program, Cherie Lee lost her internet connection and the remainder of the meeting was conducted by David Whipkey.

Plant Sale: None

Visitors: Paul T. Isley, Janet White, and Alma Gordon

New Members: Seth Nicholas and Roxana Nielsen

Attendance: 27 logons (some multiple and 3 visitors)

Announcements & Committee Reports:

Don Green reported on the slate of officer and director candidates. The nominating committee consisted of Ruby Adams, Alicia Baker, Ken Gardner, and Malcolm McCorquodale III.

President – Shirl Stowe
Vice-President – Scherie Townes
Secretary – David Whipkey
Treasurer – Allyn Pearlman
Directors for the term of 2021-2024
John Schmidt
Alicia Baker

David Whipkey reported on new materials posted on the website.

“Tell Me More”
By-Laws
Rules of Operation
Policies

Cherie Lee:

mentioned that there was a new section in the monthly bulletin. It is called “For Sale or Trade or Free to a Good Home”. It is an area where people with plants can post information about plants that they have that are looking for a new home.

announced that the board of directors had decided to cancel the December Holiday party due to logistic problems. There will be a Zoom meeting in December. Further details will be forthcoming.

gave information about BSI membership, Cryptanthus Society membership, and the WBC 2021.

Treasurer’s report: none

Program:

Cherie Lee introduced our speaker, Paul T. Isley, who presented a program on “A Dazzling Tour Through Some of Our Favorite *Tillandsia* Hybrids and Cultivars”. After the program Paul answered questions about *Tillandsia* cultivation.

Show & Tell: Mary Cinotto presented the pictures of the plants and John Schmidt talked about them. The plant photos were provided by:

Mary Cinotto
John Edmonson
Don Green
Cherie Lee
Carole and Rick Richtmyer
Theresa Sandberg
David Whipkey

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Alicia Baker and seconded by Ruby Adams. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Plant Raffle: there was none

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Ed Doherty	10/3
John Edmonson	10/3
Frank Lee	10/5
Linda Whipkey	10/6
Wray Page	10/14
R. L. Frasier	10/22
Margo Racca	10/23
Rick Richtmyer	10/24
Kenneth Gardner	10/28
Martha Burg	10/29
Marsha Krumrey	10/29
Daniel Wolf	10/30



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Shirl Stowe	11/1
Renee Lieber	11/3
Carole Richtmyer	11/5
James Billimek	11/10
Faye Martin	11/11
Sidney Newton	11/14
Ray Johnson	11/16
Cindy Gray Strickland	11/25
Peg Raymond	11/28
Cristy Brenner	11/30



WELCOME

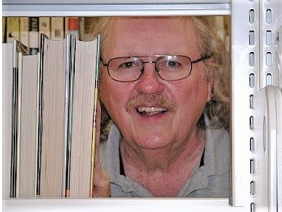
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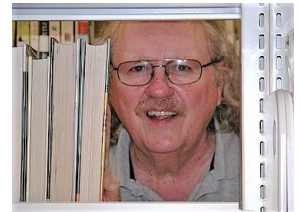
Online at <https://www.gchouston.org/bulb-plant-mart/>

Pickup **9 to 5 October 16** and **9 to 2 October 17**

2000 Edwards Street



Whipkey's Word October 2020 IDENTIFY



A few months ago one of our members remarked that she had several plants that did not have tags. She didn't want to distribute them as she wasn't sure exactly what they were. Well, I am glad to say that problem does have a solution. You know who you are and this Word is for you. The word for October is identify.

According to Dictionary.com (<https://www.dictionary.com/browse/identify>) identify is defined as: to recognize or establish as being a particular person or thing; verify the identity of. To me identify can be summed up as "I know you!" What you might be wondering is how did I know that I knew you?

There are many ways to identify a plant. Let me give you a recreated example of how I usually do it. A number of years ago, I received a plant, *Hohenbergia catingae*, from Gene Powers. He had the name on the tag, but he also included another piece of information. The plant had been grown from seed obtained from the BSI seed bank. To me, if the plant was grown from seed I am always a little suspicious as to if it is what the tag says it is. I don't know how careful the person collecting the seed was. The seed could be from a plant that was selfed, or it could be the result of an insect randomly depositing pollen from another plant onto the stigma of the plant where the seed developed. Will the seed develop into a species plant or a hybrid? Excellent question! I grew the plant for several years until it bloomed. Then came the hard work, I needed to make a positive identification. How was I to do that?

I turned to my old friend, the internet. In August's Whipkey's Word, I gave you a list of websites that were fairly reliable. Which ones would I use to find the identity of a species plant? My first choice was the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies' Bromeliad Photo Index located at <http://www.fcbs.org/pictures.htm>. I looked it up. My plant looked like the picture, except, the inflorescence color was a bit off. Ok, definitely a maybe. Where should I go next?

I chose to look at Brom-L located at <http://florapix.nl/brom-/>. The inflorescence on my plant looked like one that they listed as *Hohenbergia catingae* var. *eximbricata*, but my plant looked a little different. Still a definite maybe.

My next stop was the BSI website located at <https://www.bsi.org/new/>. Under the heading Publications I found an area labeled BSI Journal Archive. In the search box I entered *catingae* and clicked on the magnifying glass. It gave me a list of Journals. In the September – October 1961 Journal I found an article by Racine Foster on *Hohenbergia catingae* the description sound like my plant, but the pictures were in black and white. On to the next Journal in the list, and the next, and the next... Unfortunately, this was a pretty much a dead end.

Back to the internet. This time I went to Bromeliário Imperialis located at <https://imperialis.com.br/>. I found a picture there that looked very much like my *Hohenbergia*. Shape and inflorescence were like mine. Looking better, but still not quite sure.

A general search of the internet for *Hohenbergia catingae* yielded everything from plants that looked like mine to plants that looked like no bromeliad that I have ever seen before. Not very reliable. Therefore not very useful.

It was time to call in the cavalry. I started visiting people and looking at their plants. I visited the Richtmyer's garden and the Lee's garden. I talked with Brian Windham, Charlie Birdsong, and others. I looked at plants in various shows.

My conclusion? I most probably have a form *Hohenbergia catingae*. Am I 100% sure? No, but until I find conclusive evidence otherwise, I have identified it as a seed grown *Hohenbergia catingae*. It was tough work.

You can feel free to argue with me anytime you wish.



If you have plants that you think you have identified, but you are not absolutely sure if the name is correct then label the plant with the assumed name and the phrase "no tag in the mother plant". Let others argue with you if they wish.

What's Blooming = September 2020



Billbergia 'Georgia' bloom = Whipkey



Billbergia 'Georgia' plant = Whipkey



Tillandsia diaguitensis bloom = Whipkey



Tillandsia diaguitensis plant = Whipkey

What's Blooming = September 2020



X Pitcohnia 'False Teeth' = Lee



Aechmea chantinii 'Samurai' = Lee



Wallisia cyanea variegata = Lee

What's Blooming = September 2020



Cryptanthus 'Buttercup' = Edmonson



Cryptanthus 'Kakadu' = Edmonson



Cryptanthus 'Rocky Road' = Edmonson



Sincoraea rafaellii = Edmonson

What's Blooming = September 2020



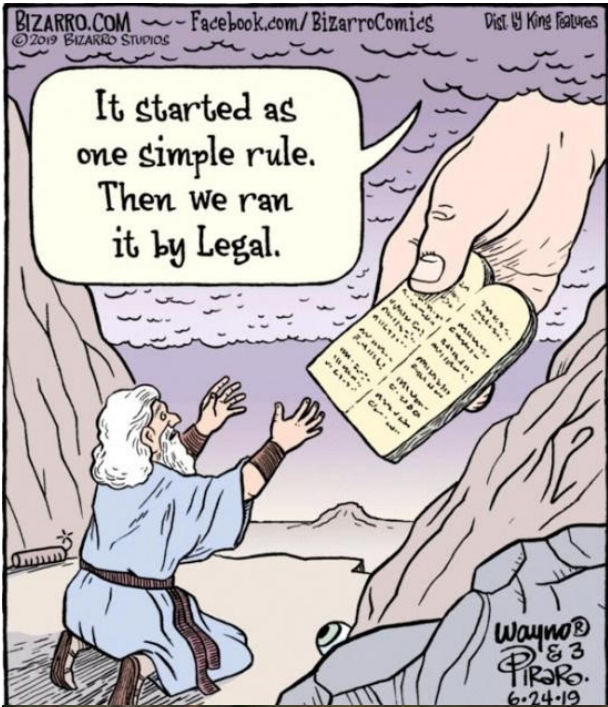
Tillandsia 'Sparkler' = Baker



Tillandsia ionantha 'Fuego'

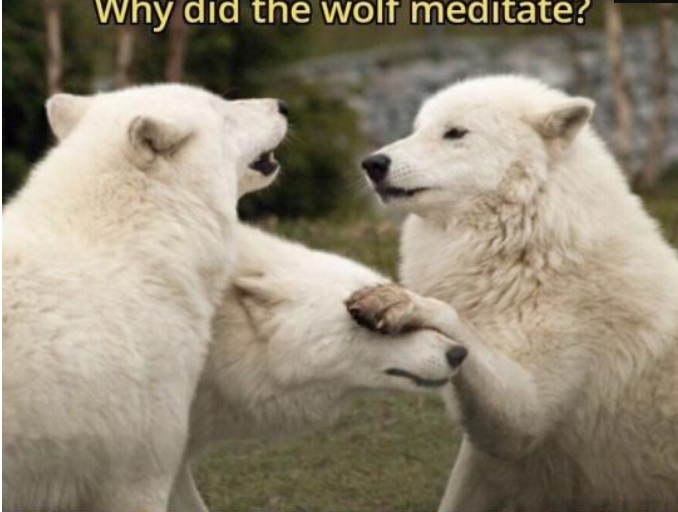
Clockwise starting top left...

Whipkey, Lee, Edmonson, Sandberg



I DON'T THINK ANYONE EXPECTED THAT WHEN WE CHANGED THE CLOCKS EARLIER THIS YEAR WE'D GO FROM STANDARD TIME TO THE TWILIGHT ZONE

Why did the wolf meditate?



When planting your cats make sure to space them 6 inches apart so they have room to grow.



To be aware wolf

NEW: For the duration of Covid isolation only.

FOR SALE OR TRADE OR FREE TO GOOD HOME

This area is now being allocated for Buy, Sell, Trade or Free as we cannot do raffles or plant sales during this pandemic. We ask that you only include bromeliads or plant related items to sell or trade or give. No prices please. Transactions are to be negotiated between principals. Note: this is not a Bromeliad Society Houston process. This section is for members to allocate plants and plant related items in lieu of raffles or club plant sales.

Have your information as in the format below and send to mary@edmonsonphoto.com before the 10th of the month so we can include in the newsletter.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE:

We have a large variety of *Cryptanthus* and *Neoregelias* that anyone in the club is welcome to have. Free...to good home. Arrange with us to come by (with your mask) and pick out some.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

John Edmonson – 346-235-9005 or john@edmonsonphoto.com

WHAT IS AVAILABLE: *Tillandsia*, *Aechmea*, *Quesnelia* offsets for sale or trade.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Please call for list of available plants. John Schmidt @ 346-413-3227

WHAT IS AVAILABLE:

We have a very large selection of *Cryptanthus*, *Aechmea*, *Orthophytum*, *Neoregelia*, *Tillandsia*, *Dyckia*, *Hechtia* and many other genera which I can't spell or pronounce which must go to a new home. They will be free of charge.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please call Carole or Rick Richtmyer to arrange a time to visit 281-350-6809 or by email planobrom@aol.com. The wearing of a mask is required.



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www.Jimbosnurserytx.com; email: Jimbos3@earthlink.net

We have a large selection of *Aechmea*, *Billbergia*, *Cryptanthus*, *Dyckia*, *Neoregelia*, and *Tillandsia*. Please compare our prices and our quality.

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About the Bromeliad Society/Houston

This corporation is organized exclusively for purely public charity and strictly educational purposes. Specific goals of the Society shall be to:

Increase knowledge of bromeliads through inter-change and dissemination of information.

Use such funds as are available for the purpose of research and/or equipment in institutions of higher learning within the State of Texas.

There are two classes of membership:

Individual	\$20.00 per year
Family	\$30.00 per year

All memberships begin with January of the current year.

Visit our website at www.bromeliadsocietyhouston.org for more information.

The Bulletin is published monthly and is available online prior to monthly meetings. Articles and any other information pertinent to bromeliads are solicited. Articles may be reprinted with proper acknowledgment given to author and publication.

Please have articles to the editor mary@edmonsonphoto.com before end of the month.

A Yearbook is published annually based on the membership roll at the end of the regular February meeting of each year and distributed to members of the BS/H, Inc.

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